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Sir :

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2009. In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to end November 25, 2010, this Amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Three-Month Extension of Time. However, if any additional Extension of Time is deemed necessary, the same is hereby requested, and the Office is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.